

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 10, 2015
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane, Scottsdale, Chair
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Vice Chair
#Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye, Treasurer

Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown
Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage

* Not present

Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Lane at 12:05 p.m. Mayor Meck participated by teleconference.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Lane stated that, according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three-minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Lane noted that no public comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair Lane noted prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Chair Lane requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Mitchell moved to approve consent items #3A and #3B. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3A. Approval of the June 15, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the June 15, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Support Planning to Address Domestic Violence Consultant Selection

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the new Transportation Safety Planning on-call project named RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call, and to increase the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget by \$40,000 using the Arizona Department of Transportation state funds provided for this work.

MAG has developed a custom software tool for performing crash data analysis named Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System, or RTSIMS. This effort is funded by a grant provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation to support regional road safety planning. The software tool is used extensively by MAG staff for performing crash data analysis. The current version of the software was last updated in 2013. A new project is proposed to be added under the projects in the existing on-call contract. The project will implement a number of software enhancements and also provide one year of maintenance support. A consultant from the approved list of MAG On-Call consultants will be utilized to conduct the project.

4. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated on May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to include twenty MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. She added on July 1, 2015, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency position on the EDC. The seven largest cities, in addition to the City of Phoenix, Maricopa and Pinal Counties and the Arizona Department of Transportation have dedicated representation on the EDC. Eight other member agencies in addition to the dedicated seats can request appointment or reappointment.

Ms. McClafferty stated the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) are also members of the EDC. This year, no letter was received from Mayor Giles, City of Mesa, who is the Vice Chair of the TPC. She also informed the committee that two letters of interest had been received for the one vacant east valley seat. Letters were received from Councilmember Farrar from Carefree and Vice Mayor Barker from Apache Junction. Ms. McClafferty noted that Councilmember Farrar had also submitted a letter of interest last year to sit on the EDC.

The Executive Committee discussed various scenarios in regards to the TPC Vice Chair not serving on the EDC. It was noted that by Mayor Giles not sitting on the EDC, as the TPC Vice Chair, means the City of Mesa would not be represented. However, Mesa could still be represented as one of the seven largest cities, allowing another elected official from Mesa to be considered as a member of the EDC. It was noted that the TPC is still being represented on the EDC, by the TPC Chair. Discussions also included whether the EDC should allow proxies. Members agreed that this would not be a good idea, as it would change the body and dynamics of the committee. Staff requested a recommendation to approve the EDC member agency positions.

Mayor Barney recommended to approve the Vice Chair slot on the EDC, held by the Mayor of the City of Mesa, be considered vacant immediately, (due to the issue of no letter being received from the Vice Chair of the TPC), and forego the three missed meeting rule, allowing another elected from the City of Mesa, as one of the seven largest cities, to be considered as a member of the EDC. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Barney stated both candidates that submitted letters of interest for the east valley position seemed qualified to sit on the EDC. He asked for comments from members of the committee. Mayor LeVault commented that Councilmember Farrar has participated in the MAG trade missions to Mexico. He also noted that Councilmember Farrar is vitally interested in the work of the EDC and is an commercial real estate broker with a solid business background. Mayor LeVault added that he would be in favor of supporting Councilmember Farrar sitting on the EDC. Mayor Stanton asked MAG staff if they had received letters from either of these candidates in the past, showing their interest in sitting on the EDC. Ms. McClafferty stated Councilmember Farrar had submitted a letter last year, but was not appointed.

Mayor Mitchell moved to recommend approval of the appointments of Councilmember Farrar from Carefree, for the east valley seat and Councilmember Sierra from Avondale for the west valley seat on the EDC. Mayor LeVault seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee New Business Representatives

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, reported that the MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) was created to work on diversifying the economy. This committee continues to evolve with its composition adjusted as appropriate. She noted that with the EDC's many initiatives reaching across the state, such as its Mexico and workforce efforts, it became apparent that a wider representation was needed on the committee. On May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the EDC to include a representative from the Governor's office, the Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) and Maricopa County Community Colleges.

Ms. McClafferty stated that on June 15, 2015, letters were sent to these organizations soliciting representation on the EDC. Letters were received from the JTEDs and Maricopa Community Colleges. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend approval of Dr. Gregory Donovan, Superintendent of Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) public school district #402, to represent the JTEDs and Randy Kimmens, Associate Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development, to represent Maricopa Community Colleges as EDC business representatives.

Mayor Mitchell moved to recommend approval of the appointments of the new business representatives from the Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) and Maricopa Community Colleges. Mayor Barney seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Legislative Update

Nathan Pryor, MAG Government Relations Manager, provided an update on HB 2617 and the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR). He stated that HB2617 would direct \$2.5 million from MAG and \$500,000 from PAG to fund ADOR operations. On May 27, 2015, a working group that included Mayor Lane, Mayor LeVault, Mayor Mitchell, and Supervisor Barney, met with the Governor's staff to discuss possible accommodations to the provisions of HB 2617.

Mr. Pryor stated one of the considerations discussed included limiting the time frame for two years and/or working with the state in assisting through the structural deficit. On June 24, 2015, this option was presented to the MAG Regional Council. He noted a number of MAG Regional Council members expressed concerns with transferring regional funding to the state was contrary to what the voters understood as to how Prop 400 funds are to be spent. The working group was encouraged to have more discussions with the Governor's office. On August 3, 2015, MAG received an invoice for \$2,582,396.84 dated July 31, 2015.

Also on August 3, 2015, the working group, along with Mayor Rothschild, from the City of Tucson, met with the Governor's staff that included Rene Guillen, Chris McIssac and Glen Farley. Mr. Pryor stated issues discussed included whether the fees assessed to fund ADOR are in perpetuity or if this would be a short term fix and whether this would be a long term policy shift, and if so, what are funding/cost ramifications. Another concern was if this is a double payment by cities and counties by paying once through their proposed agreement to fund ADOR and then paying again through MAG and PAG. Mr. Pryor stated the group is looking for some form of accommodation from the governor's office.

Mr. Pryor stated the next MAG Regional Council meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015 and it was indicated to the Governor's staff that the MAG Regional Council is expecting an update on this issue. MAG staff is waiting to hear if some form of accommodation will be proposed. He indicated that the transfer of funds date is September 30, 2015 if no action is

taken. Mr. Pryor stated the governor's staff noted that if there is a potential legislative fix to this, it would mean a meeting with legislative leadership to work through possible issues and details.

Chair Lane thanked Mr. Pryor for the legislative update. Chair Lane noted this group has worked very hard to work with the governor's office in finding acceptable alternative action. Chair Lane asked if there were any comments or questions from the committee. Mr. Smith stated the Capitol Times just reported the revenue projections have exceeded forecasts by \$322 million. He added at the last meeting at the governor's office, the staff did acknowledge that MAG would like to provide an update at the next Regional Council meeting on August 26, 2015.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Lane asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. There were none.

8. Comments from the Committee

Chair Lane asked if there were any comments from the committee. There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary